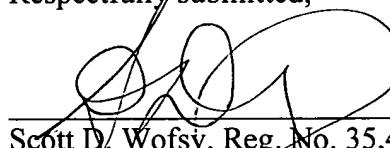


REMARKS

The subject application is the national phase application of PCT/EP03/008183 filed July 24, 2003, which claims priority to an earlier filed German Patent Application No. 102 33 917.1 filed July 25, 2002.

By this amendment, original Claims 1-31 have been amended to correct typographical errors, remove multiple dependencies, and in general, to place the claims in condition for examination. No new matter has been presented by these amendments. Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

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